

HB 2368 with HCA 1 -- PEACE DISTURBANCES FROM FARMING

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 14 to 2.

This bill specifies that a person does not commit the offense of peace disturbance by creating a loud noise or a noxious or offensive odor if the noise or odor comes from raising, maintaining, or keeping livestock, or from planting, caring, maintaining, or harvesting crops or hay.

HCA 1: This amendment specifies that a person does not commit the offense of peace disturbance by the noise from an engine of a vehicle or tractor while engaged in normal business-related activities.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that as more people move from the urban area to rural Missouri, people are less understanding of the daily activities related to farming. This bill would protect farmers from being charged with disturbing the peace due to normal business-related activities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGaugh; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Missouri Family Network; Missouri Poultry Association; Missouri Soybean Association; and Missouri Corn Growers' Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.